

## Big Reduction on Dresses, Waists, Furs and Suits

We have launched a big reduction sale of Women's Dresses for both street and evening wear, Waists of all kinds of materials, Tailored Suits and Furs.

These reductions will only be for a limited time. Included are every odd lot or broken size, in most all the shades, in many cases only one of each kind. So if you are interested in any particular style or color an early selection is advised.

Dresses, were \$8.98, reduced to.....	\$5.00
Dresses, were \$15.00, reduced to.....	\$10.00
Dresses, were \$25.00, reduced to.....	\$18.75
Dresses, were \$27.50, reduced to.....	\$21.50
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Dresses, were \$30.00, reduced to.....	\$22.75
Dresses, were \$33.50, reduced to.....	\$25.00
Dresses, were \$40.00, reduced to.....	\$30.00
Dress, was \$50.00, reduced to.....	\$40.00
Dress, was \$55.00, reduced to.....	\$45.00
Dress, was \$65.00, reduced to.....	\$55.00

## Trimmed or plain Waists reduced

\$1.25 Waists reduced to.....	79c
\$1.50 and \$2.00 Waists reduced to.....	\$1.00
\$3.00 and \$5.00 Waists reduced to.....	\$2.98 and \$1.98
\$5.50 and \$6.50 Waists reduced to.....	\$4.98 and \$3.98
\$8.00 and \$10.00 Waists reduced to.....	\$6.98

## Women's and Misses' Suits at reduced prices

\$15.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$6.98
\$18.98 Suits reduced to.....	\$10.98
\$25.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$15.00
\$35.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$17.75
\$35.00 to \$50.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$23.75

## Furs reduced considerably

- 4 Pony Coats, were \$52.50; reduced to \$37.50.
- 1 Pony Coat, was \$70.00; reduced to \$55.00.
- 1 Pony Coat, was \$115.00; reduced to \$95.00.
- 1 Broadcloth Coat, natural squirrel lining and raccoon collar, was \$40.00; reduced to \$30.00.

### ODD MUFFS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

3 Fox Muffs, were \$40.00; reduced to.....	\$30.00
1 Fox Muff, was \$25.00; reduced to.....	\$19.50
1 Wolf Muff, was \$25.00; reduced to.....	\$19.50
1 Fox Muff, was \$28.75; reduced to.....	\$16.50
4 Wolf Muffs, were \$22.50; reduced to.....	\$15.00
7 Wolf Muffs, were \$17.50; reduced to.....	\$11.98

### NECK PIECES AT BIG REDUCTIONS.

Odd lots of Jap Mink, Blended Mink and Brook Mink Neck Pieces, \$2.98 to \$13.50; all greatly reduced.

1 Wolf Shawl, was \$27.50; reduced to.....	\$19.50
1 Fox Shawl, was \$29.50; reduced to.....	\$22.50
1 Mink Shawl, was \$60.00; reduced to.....	\$40.00
1 Mink Shawl, was \$45.00; reduced to.....	\$30.00
1 Mink Piece, was \$40.00; reduced to.....	\$30.00
1 Ermine Set, was \$100.00; reduced to.....	\$50.00

## Miller & Rhoads

## NOISY JOY RIDERS SELECTING PLAN TO DISTURB PATENTS FOR BATTLE ABBEY

### Hospital Trying to Prevent It by Asking for Light to Catch Offenders.

Because of the noise made by automobiles containing joy riders, who come forth in droves after midnight, patients in some of the local hospitals, especially the Memorial, which is located in Broad Street at Twelfth, have been complaining for some time while the noise of these parties has been a source of worry to the hospital authorities.

Last night Dr. Charles R. Robins, secretary of the Memorial, appeared before the Light Committee of the City Council and made application for the installation of lamps in the vicinity of the hospital. It is believed that more light will put a stop to the noisy merry-makers. It was pointed out that by this means patrolmen would be enabled to see the numbers of the cars as they whiz by.

The ornamental lights in Broad Street and on the western corner of Twelfth Street, and the hospital authorities hope to have them extended sufficiently to surround the building.

Though the ornamental lamps are preferred, the petitioners for more illumination are not exact in their requests, but have merely applied for more light of any description.

### DRUGSTORE ROBBED

Thieves Enter by Pass Key and Secure \$40 From Cash Registers.

The drug store of Aaron Greenwald, 2601 Park Avenue, was entered some time Sunday night and the two cash registers were broken open and robbed. The burglars secured about \$40 in cash and several checks made out in Mr. Greenwald's name. It is hardly possible that an attempt will be made to negotiate the checks, as to make such an attempt would be to give away the thieves.

Entrance was effected by a skeleton or pass key, as there was no sign of doors or windows being broken.

On the same night, according to a report made yesterday by the police, Mrs. O. Hooker, of 709 West Grace Street, was robbed of a gold watch, a diamond ring and a ring set with garnets and diamonds. On the watch was inscribed "From Oscar to Katie."

## THE SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND

There is no time like the present for starting a savings bank. Once started—how quickly it grows.

3 per cent. compound interest added to your savings.

1117 East Main Street.

### Jury of Award Finds Many Beautiful and Satisfactory Designs.

With its task perhaps half completed, the jury of award, whose duty it is to select the prize-winning designs for the Confederate Memorial Institute, or "Battle Abbey," rested last night from its labors after a long day's hard work. The more than three score designs whose authors have complied with the rules of the contest were gone over carefully, one by one, and those deemed to be the most satisfactory were laid aside for further consideration.

The jury is composed of Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson and W. C. Noland, of Richmond, and James Knox Taylor, of Washington, supervising architect of the United States Treasury Department.

Mr. Ellyson said last evening that the jury will hardly be able to complete its labors before to-night. He said that quite a number of beautiful plans had been received and that there would be no difficulty in selecting five prize winners, any one of which designs would be a fitting scheme of construction for the purpose. The difficulty will be in selecting the one which is the best. All things considered.

The jury has no idea of the authorship of any plan, the award being on its merits. The jury will report to the executive committee of the Confederate Memorial Association, which has the final selection and award of prizes and contracts.

The meeting is being held in the Mutual Building.

### CITIZENS' MEETING

Westhampton People to Hear Report as to Our Service.

A meeting of residents along the Westhampton car line will be held to-night in the school building at stop 22, for the purpose of hearing the report of a committee appointed at a recent meeting to confer with the Virginia Railway and Power Company as to obtaining better car service.

The Westhampton cars now run on a thirty-minute schedule, and the residents are anxious to have a car every fifteen minutes, especially during the busiest hours of the day. Within the last year this section has been built up greatly, and a large number of business men in the city have their homes out there. They claim that the present schedule delays them a great deal, especially when they go out to lunch. Connections are poor also when they leave for their offices in the morning and return home at night.

## BOILER EXPLODES UNDER RESIDENCE

Julien H. Hill's Home Badly Damaged While Entire Family Was Asleep.

### FLAMES ADD TO DANGER

Glass, Fixtures and Furniture Wrecked, Total Loss Amounting to Over \$3,000.

The lives of the eight occupants in the home of Julien H. Hill, cashier of the National State and City Bank, were endangered early yesterday morning, when the boiler in the basement of the house, at 1810 Monument Avenue, exploded, shattering glass and damaging furniture. Fire, either the cause of the explosion or following it, began to eat its way through the seasoned timbers forming the flooring above.

While Mr. Hill is not prepared to estimate the damage at this time, as it will require the advice of an expert to tell the exact amount, it will probably exceed \$3,000.

"It could have been worse, much worse," said Mr. Hill yesterday. "Every soul in the house was asleep at the time. My four children were on the third floor, and my wife and myself on the second. I was awakened by a sound of crashing glass, and then followed deep, rumbling noises. Naturally my first thoughts were for the children. I awakened my wife and after bringing the little ones to a place of safety, went to find out what the trouble was."

**Tuln in Basement.**

The basement, where the fire occurred, was a broken and twisted pipes, and filled with smoke from the fire. A telephone call brought the chemical apparatus, and the fire presumably was extinguished. When I left the basement to go upstairs, however, I discovered that the flames had broken out again, and another call was sent for the fire extinguishers. This time the flames were put out.

Fortunately, no one was injured. Though highly prized antique furniture was cracked, and splintered, and though plate glass was broken, while many valuable pieces of bric-a-brac were splintered into hundreds of pieces and an entire heating plant demolished beyond hope of repair, still Mr. Hill is thankful because of the almost miraculous escape of his family.

He attributes the explosion to a fire which began in the shavings and smaller pieces of wood, which were kept close to the furnace. At present it is practically impossible to tell whether the fire started in the furnace or the explosion followed the fire. This will be determined later. It is understood that the damage is entirely covered by insurance.

### POWERS HALED TO COURT

Councilman-Contractor to Explain Building Matter To-Day.

Councilman John T. Powers, of Clay Ward, reported to the Police Court last week for violation of the Building Code, will appear in court this morning to answer to the charge. He consulted Mayor Richardson and City Engineer Bolling, two members of the board named to hear appeals from the Building Inspector, yesterday.

Building Inspector Beck holds that this is a police case rather than one for appeal from his decision. According to Mr. Beck, Contractor Powers was warned that his trenching was not deep enough, notwithstanding that Deputy Butler has reported as being twelve inches in the ground, where the trenching was made. The trenching was not deep enough, and the Inspector called for a depth of eighteen inches. Mr. Beck said it is not a question of construction, or of his ruling, but one of fact for the court to determine, and that any policeman or city official might have reported Contractor Powers had been seen trenching. Powers had the trenching done on such a foundation. The houses in question were being erected for David Connell on Main Street west of Meadow. Mr. Connell has also been summoned to court as the owner. According to Mr. Beck, the whole question involves the enforcement of non-enforcement of the Building Code, and it is his intention to ask the court for a fine for each violation, whether the offender be a member of the City Council or a private citizen.

### GOVERNMENT HAS PAID FOR REFORMATORY PROPERTY

Despite protests from various sources in Virginia, the government will establish a reformatory in Fairfax county, near Mt. Vernon, the home of George Washington, for the use of the District of Columbia, unless Congress interferes. After condemnation proceedings a fee simple deed to the property, which was owned by a large estate, was turned over to the government last Saturday at a term of the United States District Court in Alexandria. The price paid for the property, which consists of about 600 acres, was \$12,000.

### Women's Missionary Meeting.

The Women's Baptist Missionary Circle of Richmond and vicinity will hold their regular meeting at the Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when all of the women's missionary societies of the Rapid City churches will be represented. The feature of the meeting will be an address by Mrs. J. W. Willis, formerly the secretary of the State organization.

### Two Become Citizens.

Sam Glass, a Russian, and Herman Healy, a German, were yesterday naturalized citizens in the United States District Court here.

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## WOULD NOT HEAR FROM LOW BIDDER

Gas Burner Contract Again Recommended by Light Committee.

### FIXTURES UP TO CONTRACT

Resolution Adopted Looking Into the Lighting of Alleys by Electricity.

Refusing pointblank to hear from the representative of the General Lighting Company, the lowest bidder, the Council Committee on Light last night for the second time recommended to the Council the award of contract to the American Street Lighting Company, the present contractor, for supplying and lighting ornamental street gas lamp burners, the city furnishing the poles and gas. The price is \$12 per lamp each for 1,200 lamps, slightly lower than last year, the number of lamps being increased by 200, making the contract carry with it an outlay of \$15,600.

The award had been recommended by the Council Committee, where a general debate took place on the whole question of lighting the streets. In the course of which it was brought out that the bid had been to the higher of two bidders, and it was asserted that the lamps burned much more gas than the agreement specified and did not come up to the required candle power. A written report from Superintendent of Lighting for information, showed that the lamps tested were within the contract specification as to the amount of gas burned per hour, three and a half cubic feet.

### Rebels Don't Tally.

A report of Mr. Knowles, made two years ago, was read, stating that the old flat-flame gas burners consumed six feet per hour, and that the saving in gas would meet the excess cost, especially as the company assumed cost of lighting and extinguishing the lamps. In a report made last night Mr. Knowles placed the consumption of the old flat-flame burners at ten cubic feet per hour, making the comparison even greater in favor of the present lights.

Mr. Fuller wanted to know why the city should spend money for new gas burners when it was erecting an electric plant. Mr. Knowles's report, while showing tests as to the amount of gas consumed, did not show candle power. The report stated that the superintendent stated that they averaged about sixty candle power.

The committee discussed for an hour whether the company was fulfilling its contract in replacing worn burners, the statement being made that the lights were about half the illuminating power of what was given when first installed. The vote to send the paper back to the Council with the report of the superintendent as to gas consumption tests was adopted 5 to 3, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Case, Hobson, Moncure, Rogers, Saunders, Whitshir, Workman and Grimes.

Noes—Messrs. Melton, Mitchell and Powers.

Before the vote was taken Mr. Powers made a sharp fight to obtain a hearing for a special meeting of the Lighting Company, which was present, but the committee refused to accord him the floor, although it heard at length from the manager of the present contractor, who promised that his men would do better work in the future in cleaning and renewing lamps.

While the Light Committee was in session the Council on Electricity, in session in another room, recommended to the Council an ordinance transferring from the Light Committee to the Council on Electricity the control of street lighting and the location of lights. Superintendent Trafford reported that with the water generating plant the electric plant could operate 1,100 arc lamps, while the steam plant furnished power for water pumping, up to 12,000,000 gallons daily. If the amount of water could be cut to 5,000,000 gallons daily, the city could replace all present gas lamps with incandescent electric lights.

### May Replace All Gas Lamps.

The superintendent was instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of wiring for such installation, the plan being to provide an arc light at each street intersection and an incandescent light in alleys and the center of dark blocks. Mr. Trafford said that it would take several months and require a complete rewire of the city for such alley lighting by electricity. He expressed the opinion that while getting estimates now, the city should first finish and complete its plant before awarding contracts for such extensions, which might readily be put in next year.

## ANIMAL DOCTORS TO HAVE MEETING

State Board Will Also Meet to Examine Would-Be Veterinarians.

Between thirty and forty of the veterinary surgeons of Virginia will assemble in Richmond on Friday of this week for the annual meeting of the Virginia State Veterinary Association. The body will probably be in session only one day, adjourning Friday night.

The State Board of Veterinary Examiners will meet on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the assembly hall at Murphy's Hotel, for the purpose of examining candidates for license to practice the profession in Virginia. There are several applicants.

The board is composed of the following veterinarians: Dr. H. S. Willis, Rapidan; Dr. J. G. Farnsworth, Rockville; Dr. Thomas Fraser, Richmond; Dr. S. C. Neff, Staunton; and Dr. H. Bannister, Roanoke.

At Friday's meeting of the State association several papers will be read on professional subjects. Later a clinic will be held at some stable in the city, in which practical work will be demonstrated.

A dinner will probably be given at Murphy's on Friday.

## ENGINEER RICE DIES OF INJURIES

Badly Scalded When Locomotive Turned Over in Southern Railway Yards.

### PNEUMONIA DEVELOPED

Had Been With Company for Twenty Years—Funeral Arrangements Not Made.

As the indirect result of injuries received when his locomotive turned over in the Southern yards on the evening of December 31, Engineer J. G. Rice died last night at his residence, 919 East Leigh Street. His death was due to pneumonia and erysipelas, which developed in the last few days from the burns received in the accident. He leaves a wife and five children. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

Mr. Rice had been with the Southern Railway for the last twenty years, and ran trains between Richmond and Danville and also on the West Point line. In recent years he had been employed on the yards.

### How Accident Happened.

When the accident that caused his death took place was making up a train, and with a string of cars behind him his engine was crossing Fourteenth Street, where there is a slight curve. A piece of wood had been dropped on the track and seemed just to fit in the groove on the outer edge of the curve where the rails are flush with the pavement.

When the engine struck it, although its speed was not more than six miles an hour, the wheels left the rails and plowed through the cinders of the yard for about fifty yards, finally turning over. Both Mr. Rice and his colored fireman jumped, but not until the brakes had been applied and the steam shut off. The engine was too late and was horribly scalded about the hands, arms and back.

He was immediately carried to his home in the ambulance in charge of Dr. Harshbarger and was attended by several physicians, who did not then consider his condition dangerous. For several days he seemed to improve, but later pneumonia developed, and there were unmistakable signs of erysipelas, which caused his death last night.

### POLICE COURT CASES

Isaiah Banks Sent On to Grand Jury for Alleged Attempt at Burglary.

Charles Williams, colored, charged with assaulting Sam Holmes, was fined \$20 and placed under \$100 security for sixty days in Police Court yesterday morning.

Jonah Fisher, colored, charged with holding up and robbing Harry Pitt of \$10, appeared, but his case was continued to January 18.

William Anderson, colored, suspected of passing counterfeit money, was dismissed.

Isaiah Banks, colored, charged with attempting to break into the house of E. M. Bernstein, 225 North Tenth Street, was sent on to the grand jury.

W. A. Pendleton, white, was sent to jail for thirty days on a charge of stealing razor safety razors from A. L. Clarke & Son.

Emmett Robinson, colored, charged with assaulting and robbing J. D. Scott of \$5, was held for the grand jury.

Emm Foster, colored, who was arrested in Police Court for failing to appear as a witness in the case against Arthur Varick, charged with selling cocaine, in his preliminary hearing on January 6, was ordered held for January 14.

### COUNCIL CALLED.

Special Meeting of Episcopalians to Elect Bishop Coadjutor.

The Rt. Rev. Robert A. Gibson, D. D., Bishop of Virginia, issued a call yesterday for a special meeting of the Diocesan Council to be held in St. James Church, Richmond, on Wednesday, February 1, at 10 o'clock. Delegates are directed to forward their credentials to Rev. E. L. Goodwin, at Ashland.

The special meeting is called to take action on the resignation of Bishop Coadjutor Arthur S. Lloyd, D. D., who has decided to return to his former post in connection with the work of the board of Missions in New York City. If his resignation is accepted the council will at once go into the election of a bishop coadjutor for the diocese.

### JEWELER ROBBED

J. A. King Finds Store Ransacked of Many Valuables.

On opening up his store at 525 West Broad Street yesterday morning, J. A. King, jeweler, found that the place had been pretty well ransacked by burglars and that several hundred dollars worth of watches, revolvers, spectacles and pieces of jewelry had been stolen. The burglary was later reported to the police, and several detectives were assigned to the case.

Entrance to the store was effected through the rear, by tearing away several planks and smashing a glass partition. The watches were hung along the wall, and were easily found by the burglars, who carefully selected the most valuable. Some of them was the property of the jeweler, all having been sent to him for repairs.

### Former Policeman in Bankruptcy.

Walter Jackson Perkins, a retired member of the Richmond Police Department, yesterday filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States District Court. Liabilities, unsecured claims, are placed at \$60,000, while \$1,232 assets, with \$550 claimed as exempt, are set forth. C. W. Tyler is attorney for the petitioner.

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## FIRE BOARD STANDS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Declares That Thompson Deserves Commendation in Stringer Contract Matter—No Contract Awarded for Motor Engine.

W. H. Thompson, superintendent of fire alarm and police telegraph for the city of Richmond, was held absolutely blameless by the Board of Fire Commissioners last night in the matter of awarding certain contracts to John F. Stringer, former foreman for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. The board held that if the superintendent was guilty the commissioners were likewise guilty, as the records of the body show that the contracts had been awarded in the knowledge at the time that Stringer was foreman for the telephone company.

Instead of attaching blame to Superintendent Thompson, the commissioners praised him, and President Taylor, as well as Commissioner Lecky, stated that he had acted wisely and for the best interests of the city in his handling of the matter.

### Brought Up by Mr. Lecky.

The question was brought up through a resolution offered by Mr. Lecky to the effect that the board knew that Stringer was an employee of the telephone company at the time the work was done. Commissioner Cheatwood said that he was not a member of the board at the time referred to, and the elimination could not vote for such a resolution.

Mr. Lecky stated that the records of the board would show that his statement was correct. "Mr. Thompson has proved a most worthy official, and he said, 'He has been made to appear in a light which is not just to him, and I am simply desirous, not of exonerating him, for he has done nothing for which he should be exonerated, but of removing any possible doubt as to the stand the board has taken in this case. If Superintendent Thompson is guilty then so is the board, for what was done was known by each and every member of this body. It is simply to show our confidence in our superintendent that we have taken this resolution.'"

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